Yugoslav Envoy Criticizes Lack Of Kennedy Guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Why did you not protect your president better?" Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koca Popovic asked newsmen Monday.

He made the comment as an afterthought while leaving a reception for foreign dignitaries given by President Johnson following the funeral of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Popovic told the reporters Kennedy's death was "very, very sad and tragic."

He started to leave and then came back and said: "I have only one thing to add to all of you. Why did you not protect your president better."

Popovic was with President Tito on his recent visit to New York, when Yugoslav authorities complained that the city's authorities were not providing proper security for Tito.